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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUPS IN
CAIRO

REF: A. CAIRO 8183; B. CAIRO 8155; C. CAIRO 7992

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1. FOLLOWING IS AN INTERIM RESPONSE TO PROBLEM POSED
REFTELS RE CONFLICT OF PLANNED WORKING GROUP MEETINGS
WITH SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT.

2. WE ARE PRESUMING THAT IF SECRETARY VISITS CAIRO ON
NOV 3 OR 4, FOR EXAMPLE, WORKING GROUP MEETINGS THAT WEEK
ARE IMPOSSIBLE, AND WOULD HAVE TO BE POSTPONED, PROBABLY
FOR THREE WEEKS OR MORE, RATHER THAN WEEK AS YOU
SUGGESTED. OUR QUESTION IS WHETHER EMBASSY COULD HANDLE
WORKING GROUP MEETINGS NOV 3-5 IF SECRETARY ARRIVED
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NOV 6 OR LATER, AFTER WORKING GROUP MEETINGS HAD BEEN

CONCLUDED. WE HOPE EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE THIS, ASSUMING SOME SCALING DOWN OF REQUIREMENTS.

3. WE INTEND TAT WORKING GROUPS, IN OCT 24-NOV 5 PERIOD, NOT POSE UNDULY HEAVY REQUIREMENTS ON EMBASSY. CONTROL ROOMS IN HOTEL, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE NOT REPEAT NOT ESSENTIAL FOR DELEGATIONS TO MEDICAL, CULTURAL AND SCIENCE WORKING GROUPS. THEY WOULD NEED ACCESS TO ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS

AND DUPLICATING EQUIPMENT (PRESUMABLY WITHIN THE EMBASSY), PLUS RENTED CARS AND DRIVERS DEPENDING ON WHERE MEETINGS ARE HELD. SCIENCE WORKING GROUP IS WILLING TO DO WITHOUT CARS IF MEETINGS ARE HELD IN EMBASSY CONFERENCE ROOM. MEETINGS AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY, ON OTHER HAND, WOULD REQUIRE CARS.

4. WE ARE ALSO SENDING AID SECRETARY BETTY ASHLEY TO CAIRO (ETA OCT 23) TO ASSIST ALL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS BETWEEN OCT 24 AND NOV 5.

5. THE DELEGATION TO JOINT ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP REQUIRES IF POSSIBLE THREE RENTED CARS WITH DRIVERS, A HOTEL CONTROL ROOM WITH TWO TYPEWRITERS, PHOTOCOPYING MACHINE, SECRETARIAL SUPPLIES, CLASSIFIED STORAGE CABINET AND MARINE GUARD PROTECTION. IF WE COULD PLAN ON CONTINGENCY BASIS TO HOLD JOINT ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP MEETINGS AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED, PARSKY WOULD BRING HIS OWN SECRETARY AND ROBERT B. ANDERSON, EGYPTIAN DESK OFFICER OF TREASURY, WOULD ARRIVE CAIRO OCTOBER 31 TO ASSIST EMBASSY WITH PREPARATIONS.

6. IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP MEET AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. OUR IRS AND AGRICULTURE REPS CAN BE IN CAIRO ONLY ON NOV 3. OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR DELEGATION WOULD BE PROCEEDING DIRECTLY FROM SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN ISRAEL, WHICH REALISTICALLY CANNOT BE CHANGED, AND THERE IS NO SENSE IN KEEPING REPS OVERSEAS FOR AN ADDITIONAL WEEK. WE FORESEE DIFFICULTIES IN HOLDING SCIENCE WORKING GROUP MEETINGS IN CAIRO PRIOR TO THE END OF NOVEMBER AND SCHEDULING

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DIFFICULTIES COULD MAKE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP TO MEET IN CAIRO BY END OF YEAR. KISSINGER

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